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6. [redacted] Accompanied Messrs. Colby and Houston in a meeting with Senator Stuart Symington (D., Mo.) where we discussed:

- a. the disposal of Southern Air Transport;
- b. Mr. Colby's upcoming confirmation hearing;
- c. our joint appearance with Defense witnesses scheduled for 27 June to discuss the situation in Laos; and
- d. some of Mr. Colby's plans for the Agency.

(See Memorandum for the Record.)

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[redacted] Accompanied Messrs. Colby and Houston in a meeting with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, where we reviewed plans for Mr. Colby's appearance before the Committee on 27 June to discuss Laos and his confirmation hearing on 2 July. We pointed out to Braswell the problems arising from any discussion of the Laos situation in open hearings, but Braswell says that Senator Symington is quite determined to hear this subject in public. Mr. Colby will raise the matter again with Senator Symington.

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8. [redacted] At 1810 hours talked to Jack Ticer, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who told me that just 20 minutes earlier a "firm" decision had been made that our appearance before the Committee on Laos would be in closed session and that Mr. Colby would be the lead-off witness.

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9. [redacted] Met with Arnold Smith, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered to him copy #8 Volume I and II of 'Documentation Provided by CIA' in testimony on the Watergate matter. Smith reassured me that this copy is to replace the copy provided earlier which was transmitted to the Ervin Select Committee. We discussed at some length Committee handling of classified documents. He told me that these volumes are not allowed outside the Committee and that to date no documents other than Committee memoranda have been provided to Committee members. From his recital the Committee handling of classified documents appears to be very tight.

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